CHARLESWOOD MENNONITE CHURCH

February 23, 2025

Sunday School (ages 3-grade 6) 9:45 am ~ Worship Service 10:45 am

Worship Leader: Megan Klassen-WiebeSpeaker: Lisa EnnsScripture Reader: Sheila Klassen-WiebeSong Leader: Henry KliewerChildren's Time: John BraunPianist: Velma BraunUshers: James & LeAnn FriesenTechnician: Kent Haase

WE GATHER

Quieting our Spirits with Music In Hospitality Called to Worship Mighty God, You welcome us into Your Kingdom as honored guests. You give us water to wash our feet, You give us a kiss of greeting, and You anoint our heads with oil.

Merciful God, You welcome us even though we are sinners.

You forgive our debts and give us a seat at Your table.

Wondrous God, we have come here to give You our worship and praise.

May we make a joyful noise at Your table!

~ written by Seth A. Normington, Pastor, Linden Presbyterian Church in Linden, MI

Praying

Singing Together: VT 103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WE HEAR THE WORD

In Story In Song: VT 146 Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn In Scripture: Luke 7:36-50 In the Spoken Word In Song: VT 156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WE OFFER OF OURSELVES

Through Our Gifts: VT 1022 Through Our Prayers In Our Work for the Coming Week

WE GO OUT

Singing Together: VT 581 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song With Blessing

Luke 7:36-50 ~ A Sinful Woman Forgiven

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'